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The communication, filed on 9/19/2003, is non-responsive to the prior Office Action, mailed 9/11/2003, because of the following two issues.

First, in the "Amendment to the Claims" section of the Response (pages 3, 5, and 6), filed 9/19/2003, Applicants failed to list the claim status which should be written in parentheses before the actual claim wording for claims 9, 19, 22, 23, 24, and 25. These missing items result in improper documentation of the claims which should be corrected.

Second, on page 7 of the Applicants' Response (under "I. Objection to the Specification"), filed 9/19/2003, Applicants did not amend the Brief Description of the Drawings to separately describe the Figures, but rather stated a request for the legal citation to support this objection. Applicants are directed to MPEP 608.01(f) which states that the several views of the drawings are to be in the brief description of the drawings. This section exemplifies what is meant thereby to the extent of indicating that an examiner should object to the brief description if there is no brief description of Figures 1B and 1C in an application with Figures 1A, 1B, and 1C. This clearly sets forth as well as exemplifies what is required in the Brief Description of the Drawings section in an application specification. Therefore, the Figures must be separately described in this section of the application.

Since the response appears to be bona fide, but through an apparent oversight or inadvertence failed to provide a complete response, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) OR (b) UP TO A MAXIMUM OF SIX MONTHS.

Papers related to this application may be submitted to Technical Center 1600 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Technical Center 1600 via the PTO Fax Center located in Crystal Mall 1. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notices published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). The CM1 Fax Center number is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carolyn Smith, whose telephone number is (703) 308-6043. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 8 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Woodward, can be reached on (703) 308-4028. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to Legal Instruments Examiner Tina Plunkett whose telephone number is (703) 305-3524 or to the Technical Center receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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